

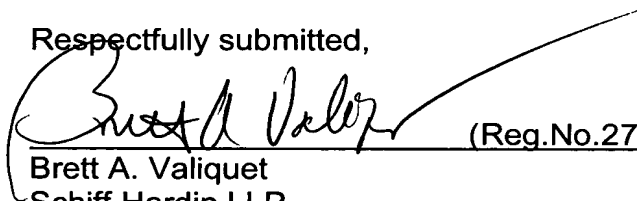
REMARKS

The Examiner indicated that claims 4-7, 12, and 13 would be allowed if placed in independent form. This has been done.

Additional independent claims 16 and 17, program product claims, are similar to allowable claims 4, 6, 12, or 13. In particular, independent claim 16 incorporates language similar to previous dependent claim 4 which the Examiner indicated was allowable, and additional independent claim 17 has language similar to previous dependent claim 6 which the Examiner indicated was allowable.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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